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HDHHS changes fees for birth, death certificates

Fees for copies of birth and death certificates issued by the Houston Department of Health and Human Services (HDHHS) will change March 13.

The new fee for a copy of a birth certificate, either standard or wallet size, will be \$23. A copy of a death certificate will cost \$21 and \$4 for each additional copy requested at the same time.

Fee changes are a result of state legislation and automation changes to the registration of vital statistics by HDHHS. State law also requires that HDHHS charge a search fee equal to the certificate fee even if a record is not found.

Birth and death certificates are confidential and HDHHS issues them only to qualified applicants such as the person named in the certificate, an immediate family member by blood or marriage, a guardian or a legal representative.

Qualified applicants can request copies of the certificates weekdays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at HDHHS' Bureau of Vital Statistics, 8000 N. Stadium Drive. Applicants can also request them through the mail by filling out applications found online at www.houstonhealth.org and including the money orders for the appropriate fee.

Fees through March 12 are \$12 per copy of a birth certificate and \$10 for a death certificate and \$4 for additional copies.

For information, call HDHHS at 713-794-9050.

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